

NSC BRIEFING

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PRAVDA ON ATOMIC POOL PROPOSAL

I. Pravda article (29 May) on Eisenhower atomic pool proposal. 15 :

A. First public rejection ~~of~~ the President's proposal,

B. ~~close~~ <sup>TO EARLIER</sup> parallel of Soviet Aide-Memoire (27 April).

II. <sup>BOTH</sup> Pravda ~~article~~ and aide-memoire <sup>SAY</sup> argues that plan:

A. Provides for only small quantity atomic material under international control

B. <sup>IS</sup> A "new step on path of further intensifying atomic weapon race"

C. <sup>BOTH</sup> ~~Repeats and stresses consistent~~ Soviet line that outlawing atomic weapons must be first step to agreement on atomic energy.

III. Pravda ~~displays~~ <sup>E</sup> sensitivity to Eisenhower ~~plan to go ahead~~ on pool idea "without waiting ~~for anyone~~."

A. <sup>SAYS</sup> ~~Accused~~ US ~~of~~ preparing "international atomic energy cartel"

B. <sup>SAYS</sup> ~~Alleges~~ US "ruling circles" <sup>WANT</sup> ~~would like~~ control <sup>ALL CAPITALIST</sup> atomic

C. ~~At same time,~~ <sup>HOWEVER</sup> tone of article suggests ~~Soviet~~ <sup>SOVIET</sup> fear

that rejection will be propaganda loss:

1. Kremlin ~~propaganda~~ <sup>exploits</sup> universal fear atomic warfare.

2. Public rejection weakens <sup>facade</sup> of Soviet reasonableness

IV. ~~Recent~~ <sup>g</sup> article probably timed coincide with end WPC

meeting Berlin, where a final resolution called for:

A. ~~Agreement among great powers~~ <sup>g</sup> end "experiments dangerous to humanity";

B. Prohibition use atomic weapons

V. WPC resolution, ~~gives~~ <sup>g</sup> recent Orbit <sup>COMMENT ON</sup> ~~attention to the threat~~

<sup>THREAT, PLUS</sup> ~~of atomic warfare, as well as~~ utilization of non-Communist

support this field. <sup>ALL</sup> ~~indicates~~ development of intensive <sup>SOVIET</sup>

"peace front" campaign ~~for~~ <sup>g</sup> ban on all weapons mass

destruction

A. ~~Campaign~~ <sup>g</sup> appears effort regain "peace initiative";

B. At same time, serves to obscure Kremlin's rejection of